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Applicators' re-certification class set here

By James A. Smith
Extension Agent

Private pesticide applicators whose permits are approaching expiration can be re-certified Monday, November 15.

Since many farm operators have off-farm employment, the recertification class will be offered at 1:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. at the District Extension Office Auditorium. It will take approximately an hour and a half to complete the training and testing.

Producers who have permits expiring in 1983 can also renew their permits at this time.

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Some dairymen are aware that there is a new linear type evaluation system in use by several breed associations. The Holstein Association will also implement this system January 1, 1983.

A breed improvement seminar will be held at Virginia Tech, December 9 and 10. Four issues will be dealt with:

-The scientific basis for objective measures of dairy cattle conformation.

-The standards for linear evaluation adopted by the Holstein Association.

-The philosophy of the American Jersey Cattle Club and Holstein Association with respect to linear evaluation.

-The prospects for genetic improvement of functional type traits through linear evaluation.

Copies of the program and registration form are available from this office.

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Don't treat for cattle grub now--it is too late.

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Cattle prices were down at the last yearling/calf sale in Lynchburg last Thursday.

Often times we see livestock prices rise when feed stuffs become cheap, but that isn't the case this year.

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John Gerken, Extension Animal Scientist, says that at a recent national conference it was pointed out that cattlemen who survive and prosper will be those who:

1. Are market-oriented and produce to meet market needs

2. Make good use of available technology to produce cattle efficiently and market them effectively

3. Know their costs of operation and take advantage of particular strengths and alternatives

4. Do strategic planning and set specific objectives; Keep up with changes in financing

5. Spread and manage risks which are part of today's volatile economy.

Certainly a practical way to put some of these concepts into play is to cull ruthlessly. I continue to find producers who excuse a cow or heifer for not raising a calf. A cow or heifer that doesn't conceive or for some reason loses her calf will never catch up-- she needs to go to market.

Females that are not producing quality cattle also need to be separated from the remainder of the herd.

Don't winter in-efficient producers or non-producers.

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There will be some new vegetable varieties recommended for 1983:

Bush Beans--Kentucky Wonder 125 replaces Greencrop

Broccoli--Premium Crop replaces Green Comet

Sweet Corn--Reward replaces Early Sunglow; Seneca Scout replaces Seneca Chief

Green Peas--Novella replaces Freezonia; Sugarbon replaces Frosty

Peppers--Lady Bell replaces Bell Boy

Watermelon--Royal Charleston replaces Sweet Favorite

Lettuce--Dark Green Boston replaces Cosmo

Muskmelon--Ambrosia replaces Burpee Hybrid

RICHARD CONNER is attending the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Missouri this year as a representative of the ACHS FFA chapter. The convention is being held November 10 through 13th. Richard will be receiving awards for the chapter in BOAC and chapter contest. Our chapter will be recognized as one of the top chapters in the Nation in each of the areas. Richard Conner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Conner of Appomattox.

November 14-20

Education week observance set here

American Education Week will be observed in Appomattox County from November 14-20 when the schools plan special events for citizens, students and school personnel. The theme this year is "A Strong Nation Needs Strong Schools."

The observance of American Education Week is another activity of the schools in their effort to provide the public with adequate information. It is important that public expectations of the schools and those of the providers of instruction are the same. Instructional, administrative and supervisory personnel are aware that schools earn confidence by their actions and not by their words. American Education Week provides an opportunity to call attention to school operation.

Community involvement in the schools during the year includes serving as volunteers, participating in committee activities and in school organizations, meeting with teachers and administrators, providing on-the-job training opportunities and serving as resource persons.

Plans for American Education Week are listed below.

November 15 - Countywide - Teachers Workshops - Appomattox County High School - Parent/Teacher Conferences; Appomattox Middle School - Parent/Teacher Conferences; Appomattox Elementary School - Parent/Teacher Conferences, Teacher Appreciation Day.

November 17 - ACHS - Luncheon for County Officials and School Board Members; AMS - Teacher Appreciation Day, Parent Visitation; AES - Parent Coffee and Open House; APS - Parent Coffee and School Visitation.

November 18 - ACHS - Classroom visitation by parents, Teacher Appreciation Day; AES - Teacher Appreciation Day; APS - PTA Meeting, Dr. Beatrice Bland speaking on "Reading Is Fun."

November 19 - Countywide - Teacher Aide Inservice - ACHS - Guidance Department Open House; AMS - Special Assembly for students which will include Physical Education Demonstration by Longwood College students and poster/banner contest; AES - Awards Ceremony for Poetry, Art, Essay Contest.

Other activities which will be taking place throughout the entire week include: AMS - Costume Dressing: Tuesday - Student of the Past, Wednesday - Famous Americans, Thursday - Student of the Future, Friday - Best Dressed Student.

Essay Contest: What Does the Word "Education" Mean To You? APS - Book Fair.

Boosters meeting set

The regular meeting of the Appomattox County High School Chorale Boosters will be held Mon., Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school music room.

All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

Happiness is 4-H

by Frank Sweet

Four 4-H members have submitted applications for the Business Management Workshop to be held at the Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone on the weekend of December 3 and 4. 4-H'ers planning to attend are Rose Christian, Susan Booker, David Hancock and Jeff Williams. During the workshop, participants will learn to make business decisions based on a simulated business management system.

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Lucky Clover 4-H members in Pamplin are planning a Harvest Festival for Saturday, November 20, at the Masonic Lodge. Festival games and activities for youngsters will be featured. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, volunteer leaders for the Lucky Clover 4-H group, will be helping with the program. Details will be publicized in the Pamplin area.

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Seventeen members attended the first meeting of the Red House Community 4-H Club last week. Elections will be held at the next meeting of the club which will be held on Thursday evening, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Red House Fire Station. Volunteer leaders agreeing to work with the club are Mrs. Janice Marston, Mrs. Marie Giles and Mrs. Nancy Hurt.

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Many 4-H members will be bringing home 4-H pine seedling order forms this week. This program is sponsored by the Virginia Division of Forestry and is designed to help young people understand the importance of planting and growing trees. 4-H members may receive either 25 or 50 loblolly pine seedlings provided that they have a suitable place to plant the trees. The trees should be planted in an area where they will be allowed to grow until they are mature. A cut over area or an abandoned field makes an ideal location for planting the trees. Parents are asked to assist their children in completing this 4-H project.

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Leigh Ann Taylor has recently submitted an essay for the Marlin Hunter Safety Essay Contest. Leigh Ann's Essay will be judged with others entered from Virginia Hunter Safety Course are eligible to enter the essay contest. This year's topic was "What I Should Do To Preserve the Sport of Hunting."

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